

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Patent Application of:
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For: INFORMATION RECORDING METHOD,
INFORMATION RECORDING DEVICE,
AND RECORDING MEDIUM
CONTAINING A PROGRAM, WITH
RECORDING MARKS FORMED BY
EMITTING LIGHT

Examiner: L. Bibbins

INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT (IDS)

Commissioner for Patents
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Dear Madam:

Pursuant to 37 CFR 1.56, 1.97 and 1.98, the attention of the Patent and Trademark Office is hereby directed to the references listed on the attached PTO/SB/08. It is respectfully requested that the information be expressly considered during the prosecution of this application, and that the references be made of record therein and appear among the "References Cited" on any patent to issue therefrom.

This Information Disclosure Statement is filed after the mailing date of a Final Office Action or Notice of Allowance, whichever occurred first, but on or before payment of the Issue Fee (37 CFR 1.97(d)). Applicants hereby petition that the Information Disclosure Statement be considered.

Pursuant to 37 CFR 1.97(e)(1), each item of information contained in this Information Disclosure Statement was first cited in the enclosed communication from a foreign patent office in a counterpart foreign application not more than three months prior to the filing of this Information Disclosure Statement. The enclosed European Search Report is dated January 8, 2009, for counterpart application EP 04792500.3.

Applicants note that the reference JP 2000 182244 cited on the Search Report was previously submitted to the USPTO in an Information Disclosure Statement dated July 7, 2005.

In accordance with 37 CFR 1.98(a)(2)(ii), Applicants have not submitted copies of U.S. patents and U.S. patent applications. Applicants submit herewith copies of foreign patents and non-patent literature in accordance with 37 CFR 1.98(a)(2). A summary/abstract translation of the non-English language reference is enclosed.

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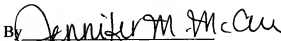
It is submitted that the Information Disclosure Statement is in compliance with 37 CFR 1.98 and the Examiner is respectfully requested to consider the listed references.

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